

OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

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"Drive despair

A captive to his lair."

The judges of the contest were all selected from the National Guard of the District. They were Major Charles H. Ourand, Inspector General; Capt. Eugene C. Edwards, and Capt. Leroy W. Herron.

Company D (the Armstrong M. T. S. Company), was the first to face the music, and following in the order named came companies B, A and C.

Each executed the eighty odd numbers with apparently such unexceptionable skill ease and proficiency that at the conclusion of company C's drill the spectators were in absolute doubt to which the trophies should be awarded.

Just here seems the proper place to note that the general excellence of all the companies and the magnificent work done by all cannot be referred

mander, gave an exhibition drill and subsequently a dress parade, which was just beautiful to see.

When the judges returned the command was still at "battalion front" and when Major Ourand directed the battalion Adjutant to cause Company B to move to the front, thereby clearly indicating the victors, something broke loose. We are accustomed to say that "pandemonium" did the breaking loose business, but the term is too tame—at least sixteen of them would be nearer to the mark. The partisans of Company B at once took unblushing charge of everything—the circumambient air, the spectators' ears, and of course their feet, and shouted and yelled galore.

Commissioner MacFarland waited with an indulgent smile on his handsome face, until the tumult had nearly spent its force, then advanced and in



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Major Milton Bush.



Major Arthur Brooks.

to without extending a sincere and thoroughly earned compliment to Major Arthur Brooks, the military instructor of the battalion, who no less than in former years has during this one labored zealously and untiringly to produce the great efficiency attained by these noble young soldiers. It is to be doubted whether in the whole national guard Major Brooks has an equal as a drill master.

But the spectators were not the judges it will be remembered, and when those "grim visaged warriors" retired for consultation expectation was quite upon tip-toe, the very air quivered in impatient sympathy and the tension was extreme. Something had to be done! And done quickly! A word and 'twas done.

To the now soothing, now inspiring strains of the Marine Band, the whole command moved forward, and under Major Milton Bush, the battalion com-

his usual graceful manner, presented to Capt. Hugh R. Francis, of Company B, the diamond studded teachers' medal and also a gold badge (the latter to be the Captain's private property), in a congratulatory speech which was both felicitous and eloquent. Silver medals were presented to each of the two lieutenants, and a blue ribbon of victory to each of the victorious non-coms and privates. At the conclusion of the exercises the cadets returned in military order to their respective schools and were dismissed.

Madamme Flora Batson, the "double voiced queen" of song, will sing at the Second Baptist Church, June 9th. She will be assisted by Mr. Gerard Millar, the great barytone soloist, and other local talent. A committee of fifty active members of the church and prominent citizens are sponsors for this entertainment.

MR. HAYES IN YONKERS.

Yonkers, N. Y., Special.—Lawyer James H. Hayes, of Richmond, Va., addressed the Men's Business Club, at the A. M. E. Zion Church on Sunday last. He gave a fine practical talk, which was so thoroughly enjoyed that he was invited to come back in the evening and speak to the Church.

On Monday evening Dr. Mason, of Livingston College, entertained the Lyceum in a very pleasing manner. The A. M. E. Zion Conference, which was held at Kingston, N. Y., and which was largely attended, has come to a close and the many friends here welcome the Rev. J. T. Gaskill back to his fold again for the ensuing year. At the Messiah Baptist Church on last Sunday evening, the pastor, Rev. H. H. Booker, preached a very excellent sermon to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, which was out in a large number.

On Thursday evening of last week a very creditable entertainment was given at the Bethesda Baptist Church, of New Rochelle, N. Y., under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Messiah Baptist Church, of Yonkers, quite a number of persons going over from here.

The B. Y. P. U., of Messiah Church, gave a fine social which was greatly enjoyed and largely attended.

The entertainment given under the management of Mrs. R. H. Gregory on last Wednesday evening at Zion Church was a very pleasant affair, Mr. Southwell, the pianist, of New York, and several friends assisting in the programme. Mrs. Henry Howard spent several days during the past week with her father at Lawrence, L. I. Mrs. J. H. Kelly, who has been South visiting her mother and other relatives has returned to her home in Yonkers.

Miss Caldwell, and Mrs. Dr. Cooper, both of Manhattan, are visiting Mrs. Bowman and Miss Phelps, of Morgan street.

BROWN GRIT, JR.

FORTUNE IN MANILA.

We are not surprised to learn that Commissioner T. Thomas Fortune got into trouble with the local authorities of Manila promptly after his arrival there. He was treated with the consideration due his position and himself everywhere else in the Philippine Islands where his commission required his presence, but in Manila he ran up against the scum of the Army, which remained there after the expiration of their terms of enlistment. Their people over here drew a breath of relief when they enlisted originally for service so far away from home, and when discharged, knowing they had no place and no reputation on this side of the Pacific, they decided to stay where they were. They are mostly of that well-known class—the idle vicious southerners, the material from which lynching parties are recruited, which is a curse to any country. They fairly swarm in Manila, and of course soon get civil office. They afflict the brown skinned Philippino as they and their class afflict the Southern Negro, and with the same implacable prejudice.

They will find, however, that they have awakened the wrong customer. Mr. Fortune is an exceedingly warm proposition under any circumstances, and we are looking confidently to see some of Manila's official heads to fall into the basket of decapitation before the Commissioner consents to let up.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the closing exercises of Morris Brown College, at Atlanta, Ga., which will take place May 27th to June 3, 1903. The program promises a most interesting series of functions. Rev. James M. Henderson, A. M., D. D., is the President of the College.

The Virginia Avenue Baptist Church will be rigged out in gala attire, Wednesday evening, June 10th, when The Batson and Millar Company will give a musical and literary entertainment. Rev. Wilbanks, the pastor of this church, predicts a crowded house and invites his members and friends to come early and obtain seats.

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